

Robins Lead at Bat Cobb Still Trailing

McCarty Star Clouter of Nationals—Robertson American Leaguers in Now Hitting .348.

There is no stopping the advance of Lew McCarty in the batting averages. He continues to lead the National League sluggers, and if Davey Robertson hopes to wear the crown of champion he will have to do some tall batting. Lew is hitting at a .348 clip, and is well in front of Robertson, who is an average of .348.

Dubert improved in the last week, and gained a few points on the star of the Giants, but has some ground to make up yet. Hans Wagner is still in the select circle, but Buck Wheat has dropped out for the time being.

The Robins are leading the league in team batting, with a mark of .260, and are only six points ahead of the Giants. The Reds, who have been out in front for a long time, have dropped into third place. Boston continues to be a dismal last. The Braves, however, lead the league in fielding, and Carey continues to show the way to Henry Kauff in the base running line of endeavor.

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Tris Speaker refuses to come down from his lofty perch, and is showing the way to the rest of the batters in the American League by a fairly safe margin. He is rapping the ball at a .387 clip, and is thirty-one points ahead of Ty Cobb, who is peevish at his mark of merely .346. Gharitty, of Washington, is second, with a mark of .348, compiled in eighteen games. Wahoo Sam Crawford is climbing in the averages, and his mark now is .324. The New York Yankees have shot the chutes to sixth place in the team batting race, while the rampant St. Louis Cardinals, owners of the season's record for consecutive victories, are in seventh place.

Cobb holds his place among the sluggers of the league, while he leads the base stealing brigade, and is third in scoring runs.

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New and Old Cubs Who Are Clashing with Their Big Rivals, the Giants



JIMMY ARCHER. HEINIE ZIMMERMAN. BILL WORTMAN.

This year are Bill Wortman, the \$30,000 shortstop; Joe Kelly, the \$12,000 outfielder; Nick Carter, a pitcher, and Heinie Zimmerman and Tom Seaton—are so well known that they require no introduction.

By Grantland Rice

Stagnation has set in upon the boxing game in this vicinity. We hate to admit it, because we are alleged to distribute information, or misinformation, in regard to the many art of mauling. Also when one begins to insist that the maulers of the present are not in it with the maulers who were when we were a lad it is a sign that age is starting to give us a battle with the cross.

But the box office, which is the official gauge for nearly everything now, backs our contention that the old boxing game is in a torpid condition. The Queensberry art needs new faces and new faces. It is crying for another Gans or another Ketchel to stir the thing up. Every now and then some manager announces that he has just found another Gans or a Ketchel. But the Gans always turns out a second Battle of Kettle and the Ketchel proves to be a second Al McCoy.

In the mean time, boxing fans sees the same familiar faces week after week. Jack Dillon and Battling Levinsky have been boxing in this section nearly that often. It has grown so familiar a sight that a confirmed ring rider can tell to a second just when Levinsky is due to lead with the left and when Dillon is due to shoot over the right.

Chaplin in red after red, because he varies his style of kicking his opponent in the chin. But a fighter lacks even the versatility of the moving picture comedian. They have no change of make-up and no change of sets to carry out any illusion of variety.

Harry Pollok, manager of Freddie Welsh, believes that the slump in boxing interest is simply due to lack of appreciation of the part of a thankless public. "Here's Freddie Welsh, champion of the world, and me, his manager, so flat that I couldn't afford one of those blue ribbons that Dan McKelrick wears, and they're only a yard in Paris. The public don't appreciate the grand old game any more. If John L. Sullivan was in the game to-day he'd starve to death."

It's Welsh's own fault. If he had varied the act a little, he might have drawn. If Charlie Chaplin had only one reel he would have been forgotten by this time.

Jack McAuliffe, who retired undefeated as the lightweight champion of the world, does not think much of the many acts that is demonstrated in these effeminate days. Jack was one of the guests of honor at the recent Welsh-Leonard affair.

While the boys were waiting about the ring Jack held forth on his seventy-four-pound bout with Jim Carney of England. The affair was called a draw after the spectators tore down the ring, and as the men were fighting for a side bet they got nothing but the exercise.

As he finished the tale McAuliffe looked up at Leonard and Welsh. "When do you boys begin to box?" asked McAuliffe.

"Why, they're boxing now," declared his host.

"I'm glad to know that," replied McAuliffe. "I had an idea that they were playing tag."

As the bell clanged at the end of the tenth, McAuliffe asked furiously, "And how do you boys get for the show?"

"Well, not very much to-night," replied the host. "Leonard probably gets only about \$5,000 and Welsh a mere \$7,000, or something like that."

With a marauding scream Jack McAuliffe left the rounds and, running to the center of Brooklyn Bridge, dove a hundred feet deeper than Steve Brodie. Just as he hit the water he screamed, "Only ten thousand bucks, and that's all!"

Shamus Coffey, pride of County Roscommon, Ireland, and County Bronx, New York, will box Jack Dillon on Labor Day. And that night there will be a wake somewhere.

Ready for Net Play.

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